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PRESENT

The Queen's Moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

FRancis Nicholſon, Eſq; being Conſtituted by Her Majeſty, Governor of the Province of Nova-Scotia or Acadia, and of Annapolis Royal within the ſaid Province, and alſo Commander of all Her Majeſty's Stores there and in Newfoundland in North-America, this Day took the Oaths appointed to be taken inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, together with the Oaths appointed to be taken by the Governors of Her Majeſty's Plantations, for putting in Execution the Acts of Trade and Navigation.

He then took his Leave of Her Majeſty, and had the Honour to kiſs Her Majeſty's Hand.

St. James's, April 27. This Evening Count Gazola, Envoy Extraordinary from the Duke of Parma, had his firſt private Audience of Her Majeſty, to which he was introduced by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Dartmouth, One of Her Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell, Maſter of the Ceremonies.

The ſame Evening Monſieur Bonet, who has reſided here ſome Years with the Character of Reſident from the late King of Pruſſia, had a private Audience of Her Majeſty, to deliver his new Letter of Credence, giving him the ſame Character from his preſent Pruſſian Majeſty. He was introduced by the Rt. Hon. the Lord Viſcount Bolingbroke, One of Her Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell, Maſter of the Ceremonies.

The following Addreſs from the Rt. Hon. the Lord-Lieutenant, *Cuſtos Rotulorum*, and of the Deputy-Lieutenants, Juſtices of the Peace, and Commiſſion Officers of the *Iower* Hamlets, was preſented to Her Majeſty by Sir *John Caſs*, Kt. accompanied by the reſt of the Deputy-Lieutenants, Juſtices of the Peace, and ſeveral of the Commiſſion Officers, introduced by the Rt. Hon. *George* Earl of *Northampton*, Governor of Her Majeſty's *Tower* of *London*.

To the QUEEN's *moſt Exceſſent Majeſty,*

The humble Addreſs of the Rt. Hon. the Lord Lieutenant, *Cuſtos Rotulorum*, and of the Deputy Lieutenants, Juſtices of the Peace, and Commiſſion Officers of the *Tower* Hamlets.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign!

WE Your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, humbly crave Leave to approach Your Royal Perſon, with Hearts full of Gratitude for Your Princely Care, and prudent Conduct, in procuring an advantageous Peace, not only for Your own Subjects, but for Your Allies, notwithſtanding the utmoſt Efforts that have been uſed to obſtruct it.

The overcoming ſo many Difficulties in the Courſe of that Negotiation, is a manifeſt Proof of Your Majeſty's Wiſdom in the Choice of Your Miniſters, and of their Faithfulneſs and Abilities in the Diſcharge of the great Truſt repoſed in them.

We can't be ſufficiently Thankful to Your Majeſty, for ſecuring the Proteſtant Succeſſion in the Houſe of Hanover, *and eſtabliſhing a perfect Friendſhip with that Illuſtrious Family, which has effectually diſappointed the Malice of Your Enemies, and put it out of their Power to divide Your Intereſts.*

We beg leave to aſſure Your Majeſty, that we in our ſeveral Stations will diligently uſe our conſtant Endeavours, to promote and preſerve the Publick Peace, to defend Your Sacred Perſon, our happy Conſtitution both in Church *and* State, *and to ſhew our ſelves Loyal and Dutiful Subjects to the moſt indulgent and beſt of Princes.*

The following Addreſs from the County of *Southampton*, was preſented to Her Majeſty by Sir *Simeon Stuart*, Bar. and *George Pitt*, Eſq; Knights of the Shire, attended by *Thomas Lewis* and *Anthony Sturt*, Eſqrs, and ſeveral other Gentlemen; being introduced by his Grace the Duke of *Beaufort*, Lord Lieutenant and *Cuſtos Rotulorum* of the ſaid County.

To the QUEEN's *moſt Excellent Majeſty,*

The moſt humble and dutiful Addreſs of the High Sheriff, Juſtices of the Peace, Gentlemen of the Grand Jury, and others of the County of *Southampton*, at the General Quarter Seſſions held at the Caſtle of *Winton*, on *Tueſday* the 14th Day of *April*, 1713. purſuant to an unanimous Order of the Bench.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

THAT a ſucceſsful War abroad, and wiſe and ſteddy Councils at home, have enabled Your Majeſty to overcome the Difficulties contrived to obſtruct the General Peace, is what we beg leave humbly to Congratulate with utmoſt Tranſports of Joy.

What Your Majeſty has done for ſecuring the Proteſtant Succeſſion, and cultivating a perfect Friendſhip with the Houſe of Hanover, *is as grateful to us and all Your Faithful Subjects, who deſire the Safety of their Religion, and Quiet of their Country, as it muſt needs be matter of Grief and Diſappointment to thoſe who make a Merit of ſeparating thoſe Intereſts.*

Theſe invaluable Bleſſings flowing from Your Majeſty's unparallell'd Goodneſs, have made the Hearts of Your People the ſtrongeſt Guaranty of Your Perſon and Government.

The Licentiouſneſs and Impunity of the Preſs, Your Majeſty ſo piouſly complains of, is one of thoſe malicious Engines always employed by that diſcontented Party, who are ever buſied to evade the Sacred Obligation of Oaths, and pervert the Allegiance due to Princes, and is the great Encouragement of Atheiſm, Infidelity and Prophaneneſs, and a manifeſt Hindrance of that Union at home, which we in

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our ſeveral Stations ſhall never fail to Promote to the utmoſt of our Power.

Which Addreſs Her Majeſty received very graciouſly, and, as a Mark of Her Royal Favour, was pleaſed to confer the Honour of Knighthood on *Anthony Start*, Eſq;

The following Addreſs from the County of *Dumfreis*, was preſented to Her Majeſty by the Hon. *James Murray*, Eſq; being introduced by the Rt. Hon. the Lord Viſcount *Bolingbroke*, One of Her Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State.

To the QUEEN's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Freeholders and other Gentlemen of the County of *Dumfreis*.

PErmit us, moſt gracious Sovereign, with Hearts full of Loyalty and true Zeal for Your Service, to approach Your moſt Sacred Majeſty, and humbly to offer You our ſincere and hearty Thanks for the many ineſtimable Bleſſings we have enjoy'd, ſince Your happy acceſſion to the Throne.

We have, with the greateſt Pleaſure, beheld and admired the Steps by which Your Majeſty has proceeded, to eſtabliſh not only our preſent Happineſs, but to tranſmit it to our Poſterity by a glorious and advantageous Peace: And now that our Joy is compleated by the happy concluſion of ſo great a Work, tho' we want Words to expreſs the deep Senſe we have of Your Care and Affection towards us; yet as we ſhall always be ready to make a ſuitable Return to ſo much Goodneſs, we beg leave humbly to aſſure Your Majeſty, that upon every Occaſion, not our Words only, but our Actions; ſhall proclaim our Gratitude and prove our Fidelity.

We are filled with that Indignation which becomes us, when we conſider how Your Princely Deſigns for the proſperity of Your People, have been retarded by the backwardneſs of ſome of Your Allies abroad, abetted by a treacherous Faction at home, who ſeem determined cloſely to purſue the Ruin of their Country, and to Sacrifice its neareſt Concerns to their own and foreign Ambition; and as it is but too apparent that even in theſe Parts, there are ſome who have the boldneſs to diſpute Your Majeſty's Hereditary Title, to miſrepreſent Your moſt gracious and wiſe Adminiſtration, and to give Your People a wrong Impreſſion of the beſt Parliament that ever repreſented the Britiſh Nation: *We do with all Humility aſſure Your Majeſty, that whenever we ſhall be required, we will, like worthy Deſcendents of our brave and loyal Anceſtors, be ready to defend, with our Lives and Fortunes, Your Moſt Sacred Majeſty, Your undoubted Hereditary Title, and that moſt Excellent Form of Government, under which our Forefathers and We have ſo long been happy. That Your Majeſty may live to ſee us enjoy that Happineſs, of which You have laid ſo ſure a Foundation, and that You may long Reign over a dutiful and loyal People, are the ſincere and fervent Prayers of, may it pleaſe Your Majeſty, Your moſt loyal and moſt dutiful and moſt obedient Subjects.*

The following Addreſs from the County of *Cornwall*, was preſented to Her Majeſty by Sir *Richard Vivyan*, Bar. and *John Trevanion*, Eſq; Knights of the Shire for the ſaid County, atttended by a great many Members of Parliament for the ſaid County, and many other Gentlemen; introduced by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of *Rocheſter*, Lord-Lieutenant of the ſaid County, and the Rt. Hon. the Lord *Lanſdowne*.

To the QUEEN's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of the High Sheriff, Juſtices of the Peace, Grand Jury, Clergy and Gentlemen, aſſembled at the General Quarter Seſſions held for the County of *Cornwall*, at *Leſkeard*, on the 14th of *April*, 1713.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

WE Your Majeſty's moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, have with the greateſt Satisfaction received the welcome News of Peace, attended with ſuch glorious Advantages, as will ſufficiently Recompence Your People for ſo long and expenſive a War.

We beg leave to Congratulate Your Majeſty, by whoſe wiſe Negotiations ſo many different Intereſts have been reconciled, the Glory of the Nation advanced to the higheſt Pitch, and the future Happineſs of Your Subjects ſo well ſecured, as will put it out of the Power of Your Enemies (if Your Majeſty has yet any ſuch) to diſturb.

Your Majeſty's unparellel'd Condeſcenſion, in diſpenſing with Your known Prerogative, for the Satisfaction of Your People, will ever meet with due Acknowledments from all ſuch as delight in Peace, which invaluable Bleſſing will be laſting to us under ſo great a Queen, ſo good a Parliament, and ſo faithful a Miniſtry.

That Your Majeſty may long live to protect the Proteſtant Religion, and be the Arbitreſs of Europe, *is our hearty Prayer.*

The following Addreſs from the County of *Devon*, was preſented to Her Majeſty by Sir *William Courtney*, Bart. one of the Knights of the Shire; being introduced by the Rt. Hon. the Lord High Steward, Lord Lieutenant of the ſaid County.

To the QUEEN's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of the High Sheriff, Juſtices of the Peace, Grand Jury, and other Gentlemen met at the General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the County of *Devon*, *April* 14. 1713.

THE ſincere Love and Concern that we have for the Intereſts of our Country, fills us with a deep Senſe of the Bleſſing of Peace; and this makes the Thanks which we now offer to Your Sacred Majeſty for procuring it, to be Hearty and Unfeigned: Your Majeſty hath herein given us a freſh Inſtance how much You have at Heart the Welfare of Your People: Since it could be that alone that could move Your Majeſty to attempt the effecting it, in View of the many Difficulties which Faction had lain in the way to obſtruct it. We always believ'd it to be Your Majeſty's undoubted Prerogative to be the Sole Arbiter of Peace, as well as of War: And our own Experience makes us ſenſible that it is our main Happineſs that You are ſo: Since 'tis through that very Prerogative, directed by Your own Wiſdom and ſteddy Counſels, joined with the Solemn Aſſurances of Your Loyal Parliament, that Your Majeſty has been enabled to overcome all thoſe Difficulties which Your Zeal for our Good had engaged You in, and to obtain thoſe great Ends which You propoſed; the Securing the Proteſtant Religion, the continuing a perfect Friendſhip with the Illuſtrious Houſe of Hanover, *and the giving Peace to Your Kingdoms. And 'twas our entire Confidence in this, that has made us eaſie, and would have continued us ſo, had the Negotiations been drawn out to a much greater length: Being ſecure, that they would end in ſuch a Peace, as would be both Honourable to Your Majeſty, and Advantageous to Your People, and 'tis this that makes us aſſured that we have ſuch a Peace, and deſire no other Guaranty for the continuance of it. And that Your Majeſty may, during a long Reign, enjoy the Bleſſings of Peace, is the hearty Prayer of Your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects.*

The following Addreſs from the County of *Bucks* was preſented to Her Majeſty by *Symon Harcourt*, Eſq; Chairman at the Quarter Seſſions; being introduced by the Rt. Hon. *William* Lord *Cheyne*, Vi-

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count *New-Haven*, Lord Lieutenant and *Custos Rotulorum* of the ſaid County.

To the QUEEN's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Lord Lieutenant, Deputy Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Juſtices of the Peace, Grand Jury, and other Freeholders of the County of *Bucks*, aſſembled at the General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace held the 16th Day of *April*, 1713, at *Aylesbury*, in the ſaid County.

GIVE us leave, Moſt Gracious Sovereign, *to render to Your Majeſty, with the utmoſt Acknowledgments, the juſt Tribute of our moſt joyful Congratulations, upon the Signing the Treaty of Peace.*

For Your conſummate Wiſdom in chuſing a Council equal to the Tranſactions of that grand Affair, ſo conſpicuouſly and univerſally Beneficial, not only to Your own Kingdoms, but to all Europe.

For Your Majeſty's ſteddy adhering to the Intereſt of the Church of England, *notwithſtanding the artful Inſinuations of its profeſs'd Enemies to work its Overthrow.*

For Your ſecuring the Proteſtant Succeſſion in the Houſe of Hanover, *to the Satisfaction of all that wiſh it well, and that deſire the Quiet and Safety of their Country.*

For Your aſſuring Your People, that no Ill-deſigning Men ſhall have Power to ſeparate the Intereſts and Friendſhip between Your Majeſty and that Illuſtrious Houſe.

And for Your obtaining for Your own Subjects many Advantages, whereby they may, by degrees, repair the Misfortunes of a long and burthenſome War.

Your Majeſty's Endeavours to Calm Your Peoples Minds, and to Cultivate the Arts of Peace among them (than which nothing can be more conducive to their Happineſs) is ſo Great and Generous a Deſign, that we implore the Divine Aſſiſtance for its Accompliſhment; and that Heaven will Bleſs us, in Your Majeſty's very long, happy, and proſperous Reign over us.

The following Addreſs from the Eaſtern Diviſion of the County of *Kent*, was preſented to Her Majeſty by Sir *William Hardres*, Bar. one of the Knights of the Shire; being introduced by the Lord High Treaſurer.

To the QUEEN's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of Your Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace, Grand Jury, and Gentlemen of the County of *Kent*, aſſembled at the General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace held at the Old Caſtle of *Canterbury*, for the Eaſtern Diviſion of the ſaid County, the 17th of *April*, 1713.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign!

IT is with the greateſt Joy and Gratitude, that we now Addreſs Your Majeſty, on the Concluſion of an Honourable Peace; which from the Concurrence of Your Majeſty's Allies, can't be doubted but is agreeable to their reſpective Intereſts, and from the conſtant Experience of Your Indulgent Care of Your People, we muſt conclude is Juſt, and moſt beneficial to Your Majeſty's Kingdoms.

The artful Impediments contriv'd and practis'd by Ill-diſpoſed Men, to obſtruct Your Majeſty's generous Labours, to eaſe Your Subjects, and to relieve diſtreſſed Europe, *have ſerved only to Illuſtrate the Wiſdom and Power of Your Majeſty's Counſels; and to convince the World, that Your Majeſty's and the Nations Enemies, are as impotent in executing, as they are wicked in forming their Deſigns.*

Your Majeſty's moſt Gracious Declaration of the perfect Friendſhip between Your Self and the Illuſtrious Houſe of Hanover, *will, we hope, ſilence the Clamours of thoſe that have endeavoured to create Jealouſies to the contrary.*

As Your Majeſty deſires no other Guaranty, *than the Loyalty and Affections of Your People; ſo we, on our parts, humbly beg leave to aſſure Your Majeſty, that there ſhall be nothing wanting in us, to make Your Reign as Secure and Proſperous for the future, as it hath been hitherto Glorious and Succeſsful.*

The following Addreſs from the Borough of *Clifton-Dartmouth-Hardneſs*, was preſented to Her Majeſty by *Nathaniel Herne* and *Frederick Herne*, Eſqrs. their Repreſentatives in Parliament; being introduced by the Right Hon. the Earl of *Dartmouth*, their High Steward, and One of Her Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State.

To the QUEEN's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Magiſtrates, Bailiffs, Gentry, Miniſter, Free Burgeſſes, and other the Principal Inhabitants of Your Majeſty's Borough of *Clifton-Dartmouth-Hardneſs* in Your County of *Devon*.

WE Your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, humbly crave leave to acknowledge, with the utmoſt Senſe of Gratitude, Your Majeſty's great Wiſdom and Goodneſs in carrying on and perfecting a Peace, ſo glorious to Your Majeſty, ſo honourable to Your unparallel'd Miniſtry, ſo highly beneficial to Your Subjects, and ſo juſt to all Your Allies; and likewiſe in preſerving ſo good and perfect a Correſpondence with the Illuſtrious Houſe of Hanover, *notwithſtanding the ſecret and impious Practices of Factious and Ill-deſigning Men to obſtruct and fruſtrate the Happineſs of Both.*

May God Almighty ſtill give a Bleſſing to Your Majeſty's Undertakings, direct Your Councils, and thoſe employ'd under You, to go on with the ſame ſteddy Courage, Zeal and Fidelity they have hitherto done, to the utter Confuſion of all ſecret Cabals, wicked lying Artifices, and malicious Contrivances whatſoever, to diſturb the Peace of the Nation, and fill the Minds of Your moſt Faithful and Obedient Subjects with unreaſonable Fears and Jealouſies.

And may Your Majeſty long, long live to enjoy the Benefits of Peace here upon Earth, and at length be Crown'd with Glory in the peaceful Poſſeſſion of an everlaſting Kingdom in Heaven.

The following Addreſs from the Borough of *Honyton* in the County of *Devon*, was Preſented to Her Majeſty by Sir *William Drake*, Bar. one of the Lords of the Admiralty, and *James Sheppard*, Eſq; Members of Parliament for the ſaid Borough of *Honyton*, in the County aforeſaid; being introduc'd by the Rt. Hon. the Lord High Steward.

To the QUEEN's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of the Portreeve, Bailiff and Burgeſſes of Your Majeſty's Ancient and Loyal Borough of *Honyton*, in the County of *Devon*.

May it pleaſe Your Majeſty,

WE beg Leave to Congratulate Your Majeſty upon Your Peace, and that you'll permit us (as ever bound) to return Your Majeſty our moſt dutiful Acknowledgments for that great Bleſſing, which all Europe *as well as Your own Subjects reaping the Benefit of, muſt agree to be (under the Divine Influence) owing to Your Majeſty's moſt pious and unwearied Endeavours.*

Madam,

The Conſideration of the many and great Obſtructions which a Faction have ſo artfully contrived to prevent it, and that great Reſolution and Firmneſs of Mind with which Your Majeſty hath carried on Your Negotiations, hath encounter'd and at laſt overcome the baſe Deſigns of ſelf-intereſſed and diſcontented Men, will convince all (but thoſe who are hardned, and who tho' con-

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ced want both Duty and Honeſty to acknowledge it) That Your Majeſty, in all Your Counſels and Actions, has never any thing ſo much at heart, as the Safety, Honour, and Intereſt of Your People

And the great Care and Concern which Your Majeſty has ſo conſtantly ſhewn for the Succeſſion to the Houſe of Hanover, *(wherein all Your Majeſty's Peaceful Subjects with the greateſt Sincerity and Satisfaction concur) will we hope always preſerve an entire Friendſhip and good Underſtanding between Your Majeſty and that Illuſtrious Houſe, notwithſtanding all the falſe and baſe Inſinuations which a few Men ſo ſlyly ſuggeſt to prevent it, and which none but with the utmoſt Grief and Reluctancy (except themſelves) could bear to ſee in the leaſt danger of being effected.*

That Your Majeſty's Reign may be long and happy over us, and when Providence ſhall think fit to call Your Majeſty to a better Crown, that the Bleſſings we enjoy under the benign Influence of Your Majeſty's auſpicious Government may be continued to us and our Poſterity, are the hearty Prayers of, Madam, *Your Majeſty's moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects.*

The following Addreſs from the Borough of *Oakhampton* in the County of *Devon*, was Preſented to Her Majeſty by *Chriſtopher Harris*, Eſquire, Recorder and Repreſentative of the ſaid Borough; being Introduced by the Rt. Hon. the Lord *Landſdown*.

To the QUEEN'S moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Recorder, Vicar, Principal Burgeſſes, and Aſſiſtants, Freemen, and other Inhabitants of Your Majeſty's Ancient and Loyal Corporation of *Oakhampton*, in the County of *Devon*.

May it pleaſe Your Majeſty,

TO accept our humble Thanks, and ſincereſt Congratulations, for the unvaluable Bleſſing your Majeſty has procur'd your People, of a Peace ſafe and well-grounded in it ſelf, honourable to your Majeſty, and of laſting Advantage to your Kingdoms.

Nothing but the great Zeal, conſummate Wiſdom, and indefatigable Endeavours of your Majeſty and your Miniſters, could have brought that grand Affair to this happy Iſſue, inſpight of thoſe Obſtructions purpoſely laid in its way by a Faction, whom yet the happy Conſequences of it may chance to reclaim.

Our ancient, hereditary, monarchical Government, our excellent Religion in the Communion of the Church of England *as by Law Eſtabliſh'd, and our Civil Rights and Properties, whoſe Security and Preſervation is moſt dear to every true* Engliſhman, *do all oblige us to beſeech God to bleſs your Majeſty with a long and happy Life, ever favour'd with the like Wiſe, Faithful Miniſtry, and Loyal Parliament. So Pray, may it pleaſe your Majeſty, your Majeſty's moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects.*

The following Addreſs from the City of *Glouceſter*, was Preſented to Her Majeſty by *Thomas Webb*, Eſq; *Charles Cox*, Eſq; and *Thomas Crawley Bovey*, Eſq; being Introduced by his Grace the Duke of *Beaufort*, Lord Lieutenant of the ſaid City.

To the QUEEN'S moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of the Gentlemen, Clergy, and principal Inhabitants of the City of *Glouceſter*.

Madam,

WE Your Majeſty's moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects humbly beg Leave to Congratulate Your Majeſty upon the happy Succeſs of Your wiſe Meaſures for the giving Peace to Europe.

The very great Advantages which Your own People in particular receive by it, ſhew the tender Care Your Majeſty hath for their Intereſts: and thoſe many Difficulties which have in vain been laid in the way to their Happineſs, by thoſe who are Enemies to Peace, have ſerved only to diſcover more fully to the World Your Wiſdom in making Choice of a Miniſtry of Abilities and Courage ſufficient to ſurmount them.

The Princely Concern You are pleaſed to expreſs for thoſe brave Men who have ſerv'd Well by Sea and Land, manifeſts the Continuance of that great Regard which Your Majeſty hath always ſhewn for the Honour as well as Intereſt of Your Subjects; who would ill deſerve the Happineſs of being ſo, ſhould not ſuch an Inſtance of Your favourable Acceptance of their Services diſpoſe them to be always ready chearfully to renew the ſame Hazards, and expend their Lives and Fortunes in Defence of the Sacred Perſon and Government of ſo Gracious a Sovereign.

If any thing can lay a further Obligation upon them to Gratitude and Loyalty, it muſt be the Truſt Your Majeſty condeſcends to repoſe in their Affection; than which, under God, You deſire no other Guarrantee: A Truſt, in it ſelf ſufficient both to Engage and to Reward their Duty and Fidelity.

The perfect good Underſtanding there is between Your Majeſty and the Illuſtrious Houſe of Hanover, *is a Proof that Your Cares for the Religious and Temporal Welfare of Your People extend to late Poſterity. And as we do with the greateſt Deteſtation abhor the Principles, ſo to the utmoſt of our Power we will oppoſe the wicked Attempts of thoſe who being Enemies to all Government, both Divine and Humane, endeavour to create Jealouſies and Differences, and to render ineffectual whatever Proviſion can be made for the Eſtabliſhment of either.*

We cannot but obſerve on this Occaſion, how intimately the Intereſts of Faction and Irreligion are united, and that the Chief of thoſe who ſtudy to obſtruct Your Majeſty's Proceedings are equally Promoters of Blaſphemy and Rebellion.

May Your Sacred Majeſty long, very long, enjoy the Bleſſing of that Honourable and Advantageous Peace which You have ſo happily perfected to the great Joy of all Your good and faithful Subjects, and to the Diſappointment of thoſe reſtleſs Spirits that delight in War.

The following Addreſs from the ancient Borough of *Ailesbury*, in the County of *Bucks*, was Preſented to Her Majeſty by *Simon Harcourt* and *John Eſſington*, Eſquires, their Repreſentatives in Parliament; being Introduced by the Rt. Hon. *William* Lord *Cheyne*, Viſcount *New-Haven*, Lord Lieutenant and *Cuſtos Rotulorum* of the ſaid County of *Bucks*.

To the QUEEN'S moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of the Burgeſſes, Conſtables, and other Inhabitants of your ancient Borough of *Ailesbury*, in the County of *Bucks*.

WE cannot, Dread Sovereign, ſufficiently acknowledge the infinite Bleſſings we enjoy under Your Majeſty's moſt auſpicious Reign; nor can we be thankful enough to Heaven for the many Succeſſes of Your Majeſty's Arms, as Forerunners of a grateful Peace to Europe.

We admire Your Majeſty's Generoſity and unalterable Reſolution to engage in ſo great a Work, attended with ſo many Difficulties from groundleſs Jealouſies fomented by the reſtleſs Spirit of Faction to obſtruct it.

We bleſs Heaven for ſupporting Your Majeſty in it, and enabling You to overcome them all, and to accompliſh ſo great a Good to Chriſtendom.

And ſince Your Majeſty was pleaſed lately to tell Your People from the Throne, that the Treaty of Peace was Signed, and that the Ratifications would ſoon be Exchanged: We joyfully Congratulate Your Majeſty thereupon, and acknowledge Your great Goodneſs in aſſuring us, That our Religion is Secured by the Succeſſion in the Houſe of Hanover: *That Your Majeſty, next to the Protection of Divine Providence, depends upon the Loyalty and Affection of Your People, and wanted no other Guarrantee; That You have made Your Parliament Judges of Your Wants, and of what Supplies are neceſſary for Your Own and Peoples Intereſts: And, That You had*

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obtained many Advantages for them, whereby they may repair, by degrees, the Misfortunes of a long and burthensome War: And, That You have Conjured Your Parliament to use their utmost Endeavours to calm the Minds of Your People, that the Arts of Peace might be cultivated amongst them.

We esteem Ourselves under the greatest Obligations of Gratitude, and the strictest Ties of Duty to convince Your Majesty, that we are Your most Faithful and Loyal Subjects, and to pray for Your Majesty's long and prosperous Reign over us.

All which Addresses Her Majesty received very graciously.

Venice, April 21. *N. S.* Two Days ago an Express arrived from Vienna with an account, that the Emperor continues resolved to recruit his Army in Italy. The Senate is apprehensive the Plague may spread by this means into the Territories of the Republick, and an extraordinary Assembly of the Pregodi hath been held to consider of proper Measures for preventing so great a Calamity. The Empress is expected very soon in some part of the Dominions of this State, in her way to Vienna; upon which, the Senate have resolved to make her a Present as she passes by. Some French Frigats have been seen near Sicily, which causes some Uneasiness here, lest they should proceed from thence towards the Gulph. They write from Rome, that the Pope was recovered from his Indisposition, and had performed all the Functions of the Holy Week. He hath sent to Naples to desire all Vessels coming from Trieste, and the Coasts thereabouts, may be obliged to perform a Quarentine; and in case this be not complied with, he will forbid all Commerce with that Kingdom. The Countess de Boromeo, Vice-Queen of Naples, is gone to pay her Respects to the Empress. It is said the Vice-Roy will go to the same Place, as soon as Mareschal Taun, who is appointed to succeed him, arrives. Monsignor Caraffa is to set out in a few Days towards Florence, where he is going with the Character of Nuntio.

Hamburgh, May 2. *N. S.* We have received advice, that the Conferences at Oldenswort were broke off, upon a Letter General Steinbock received from Count Welling. The next Day his Danish Majesty went from Husum with all his General Officers, and the Muscovites left their Quarters, in order to attack the Swedes at Gardingen, Cosenbul and Gatinsiel; but they found these Posts abandoned, and the greatest part of the Swedish Infantry were already retired into Tonningen, the Horse being intrench'd within half a League of the Town. The Troopers desert every Day in great Numbers, and the King of Denmark hath offered a Reward for every Horse, with leave for the Men to go where they please, provided they quit the Swedish Service. The 11th Instant is appointed for bombarding Tonningen. On the 30th past, Monsieur Bassewitz, the famous Partizan, was taken Prisoner and carried to Husum. They write from Carlscron, that Ten thousand Men were ready to embark there, but for want of Forrage, the Troopers were to be transported without Horses. Letters from Poland bring an account, that on the 21st past, the Turkish and Tartarian Ambassadors had an Audience of King Augustus, who was seated on the Throne, with the Senators, Officers of the Crown, and Foreign Ministers about him. The Turkish Aga said he was come to inform himself if there were any Muscovites remaining in the Kingdom; and that if there were, the Grand Signior would resent it.

Hanover, May 2. *N. S.* Four Regiments of Foot, and two of Dragoons, of the Elector's Troops in the Low Countries, are to return home, and General Bulau is gone from hence to give Directions for their March. It is said the remainder of those Forces will be sent towards the Rhine, upon condition that the Empetor will maintain two thirds of them. His Imperial Majesty hath laid a Tax of Five per Cent. on the Annual Revenues of his Subjects in Silesia, and Ten per Cent. on their Capital, in order to raise Money for the extraordinary Expences of the War. In the mean time it is apprehended that the French will lay Siege to some important Place, before the Germans can be in a condition to hinder it. Some Difficulties that have arisen between the Emperor's Commissioners and those of the Princes through whose Dominions the Imperial Troops in the Bishoprick of Hildesheim are to pass, have retarded their March. Count Vehlen, who Commands them, went from hence Yesterday towards his Quarters, where he intends to stay till this Affair is settled. Count Schonborn is gone to Berlin, in order to treat with the Court of Prussia for some Troops for the Service of the Emperor his Master. Letters from Husum bring an Account that the Treaty between Count Steinbock and the Allies was broke off, and that the King of Denmark was gone from thence to Command the Confederate Army, and intended very soon to Attack the Intrenchments of the Swedes.

Hague, May 6. *N. S.* On the 4th Instant Baron Kirchner, Plenipotentiary of his Imperial Majesty, arrived here from Utrecht, and had a Conference with the Earl of Strafford. The same Day the Emperor's Ministers received a Courier from their Court with advice, as is said, that his Imperial Majesty will continue the War against France, and that he will command his Army on the Upper Rhine in Person, with Prince Eugene under him. Yesterday the Plenipotentiaries of the States-General come hither from Utrecht, to receive their last Instructions about the exchange of the Ratifications of the Peace. The States of Holland are to separate this Day for a Fortnight.

Utrecht, May 9. *N. S.* On the 6th Instant, the Ratifications of the Treaty of Peace between France and Savoy, were exchang'd at Mareschal d'Uxelle's House. This Afternoon the Earl of Strafford came hither from the Hague, and soon after his arrival, the Ratifications of Her Majesty's Treaties of Peace and Commerce with France were likewise exchang'd. The Act whereby the Elector of Bavaria yeilds the Spanish Netherlands to the House of Austria being come from Paris, the Ratifications between France, and the States General, will be immediately exchanged. Baron Kargg, Plenipotentiary of the Elector of Cologn, and Baron Malchnecht, Plenipotentiary of the Elector of Bavaria, are arrived here, and have notified their arrival to all the Ministers.

Whitehall, May 1. This Day an Express arrived here from Utrecht, with the Ratifications of the Treaties of Peace and Commerce between Great Britain and France.

Whereas a Letter dated April 29. 1713. *and signed* D. S. *hath been sent to One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State; if the Person who sent the said Letter will come to the Office of the Secretary of State, to whom it was directed, and make out what is therein mentioned; or if he will send to the said Secretary of State such Proofs as are necessary for making the Matter clear, he shall receive all due Encouragement and Protection.*

This is to give notice, That a Letter dated the 25*th of April,* 1713, *and sign'd* J. L. *has been receiv'd, and that if the said* J. L. *will appear and make out what he pretends to discover, he shall receive due Encouragement.*

The Court of Directors of the Bank of England give notice, That a General Court will be held at the Bank on Tuesday next, the 5*th Instant, at* 11 *in the Forenoon, on special Affairs.*

Whereas